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SUBJECT: NATO SYG OFFERS SUPPORT TO KAI EIDE AND UNAMA

11. (U) On October 12, NATO Secretary General Rasmussen issued a press statement expressing the Alliance's support for the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan. He also expressed his and the Alliance's confidence in Kai Eide, the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General.

12. (U) The full text of the Secretary General's statement follows:

12 Oct. 2009

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Statement by the NATO Secretary General on the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan

NATO fully supports the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan, including the role it is playing, in accordance with its mandate, in support of the Afghan elections.

The Alliance, and I personally, also have full confidence in the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary General, Kai Eide, and commend him for the effort and commitment he has shown to helping Afghanistan build a better future.

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